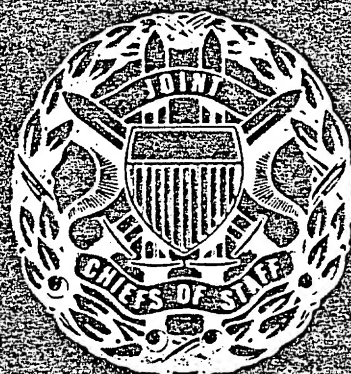


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# AFTER ACTION REPORT



US MILITARY OPERATIONS  
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12-15 MAY 1975

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VERBAL ORDERS RELATING TO RESCUE OF THE  
SS MAYAGUEZ AND ITS CREW

FROM SECDEF

14 May

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Telecon OSD and OJCS: Authority given to sink four boats at island and also another patrol boat which previously fled island and now moored at another island.

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NSC Meeting to JCS: Directed forces to begin operations to board MAYAGUEZ and make a helicopter assault on Kaoh Tang Island, but excluded air attacks on the mainland of Cambodia.

1654

SECDEF to ACJCS: Approved ultimatum to be used in connection with the operation.

1710

NSC Meeting to JCS: Directed cyclic strike operations from the USS CORAL SEA against targets in the Kompong Som Complex with first time-on target specified at 2045. Details of operational authorities and principal targets were included.

2344

SECDEF to CJCS: Third wave from CORAL SEA should strike as planned.

15 May

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SECDEF on recommendation of CJCS: Devote efforts to extracting Marines without further casualties.

0038

SECDEF on recommendation of CJCS: Fourth wave from CORAL SEA should not be sent against mainland targets.

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SECDEF on recommendation of the CJCS: Directed cessation of all offensive operations and to completely disengage all forces.

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FROM JCS

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0004 EDT to CINCPAC:

- JCS approved attack on small boats near island and ship, use caution around ship and carefully observe for presence of Americans on boats.

0048 to CINCPAC:

- ACJCS debriefed CINCPAC and major subordinate commanders on the NSC meeting and provided planning guidance for military operations to recover the ship and crew.

a. At first light 15 May, US Forces will be prepared to secure Koh Tang Island and simultaneously board the MAYAGUEZ.

b. Decision will be forthcoming whether to put Marines aboard the HOLT or have the crew of the HOLT handle it.

c. Helicopter cycles will be maximized.

d. Plan limited use of Guam-based B-52s and their related tankers for strikes against Kompong Som. Priority of targets will be the harbor area and military shipping.

e. Plan for TACAIR using CORAL SEA assets on multiple targets, particularly patrol boats not suitable for attack by B-52s.

f. Plan to use US air assets based in Thailand; however, Thailand-based assets will not be used to strike Cambodia proper.

g. Deny Cambodian naval vessels the entry into or exit from the areas around the island and in the vicinity of the ship.

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h. The primary objective is to get into the area as quickly as possible, and extract the Americans, recover the ship and withdraw US Forces promptly. Above all, the operation must be professionally conducted.

0143 to CINCPAC:

- JCS provided planning guidance on use of CORAL SEA as helo/fixed wing platform if carrier close enough to participate in operations.

1652 to CINCPAC:

- White House relayed original execution order calling for boarding of ship and helo assault of Koh Tang Island but excluded attacks on the Mainland by either B-52s and naval TACAIR from the CORAL SEA.

1710 to CINCPAC:

- Commence cycling strike from CORAL SEA against Kompong Som target complex to coincide with seizure time of ship. First flight to be armed recce against aircraft and military watercraft. Subsequent flights to use precision guided munitions against targets of military significance in Kompong Som complex.

1735 to CINCPAC:

- In view of indications that the MAYAGUEZ appeared to be making preparations to get underway, instructions were passed that the ship was not to be allowed to move.

1935 to CINCPAC:

- Continuous post strike recce coverage after every mission.

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VERBAL ORDERS FROM JCS (Continued)

14 May (continued)

2029 to CINCPAC:

- Do not release Navy TACAIR for strikes on Kompong Som Harbor.

2032 to CINCPAC:

- Island landing and boarding of ship may continue.

2034 to CINCPAC:

- Use all possible communications to divert and cancel CORAL SEA TACAIR. May operate in accordance with Thailand based ROE.

2044 to CINCPAC:

- JCS directed cessation of all cyclic strike operations from CORAL SEA immediately.

2048 to CINCPAC:

- Correction to previous order: First wave of TACAIR from CORAL SEA to strike Mainland targets. BDA is to be made and reported to NMCC.

2052

- NMCC passed on that General Scowcroft directed operations proceed with all CORAL SEA assets as planned.

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- DDO indicated White House directed information be provided as to estimate of next insertion of Marines.

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VERBAL ORDERS FROM JCS (Continued)

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2235 to CINCPAC:

- Direct HOLT to send Marines to island as soon as possible.

2344 to CINCPAC:

- Allow CORAL SEA strike currently inbound to proceed to POL depot. All subsequent CORAL SEA efforts to be close air support missions in support of ground security forces on island.

15 May

0007 EDT to CINCPAC:

- Request situation island - Situation as below:  
USMC - no imminent danger, opposition forced back,  
Jolly Green fully resisting (mortars) MG/mines -  
USMC ashore consolidating.

0012 to CINCPAC:

- Concentrate efforts on withdrawal of Marines from the island.

0020 to CINCPAC:

- Informed CINCPAC that there was no commitment to keep the Marines on the island or to capture it. Also, that there was interest in keeping pressure on the mainland and asked for an opinion regarding useful targets remaining in the Kompong Som complex.

0039 to CINCPAC/CINCPACFLT/USSAG/7AF (GEN BROWN to ADM GAYLER):

- Stand B-52s down - Use TACAIR for Marines on island -  
Question needs of Marine C.O. for reinforcements. Use TACAIR as needed.

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VERBAL ORDERS FROM JCS (Continued)

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0049 to CINCPAC:

- Directed CINCPAC to devote total effort to extracting Marines from the island without additional casualties if possible. Informed him that no further consideration was being given to additional strikes on the Mainland.

0158 to CINCPAC:

- Discussing ADM Gayler/Weisner exchange - agree on chopper use. Directed to "paste the place."

0326 to CINCPAC:

- When is extraction from Koh Tang due to start?

0408 to CINCPAC:

- On extraction of K-23 personnel, assume support will be SPECTRE gunships plus WILSON, plus CORAL SEA gunboats. Is that correct? Answer: Yes.

0610 to CINCPAC:

- Any info on TACAIR? Answer: 2 OV-10 for FAC, A7, F-4, AC-130.

0733 Conference Call CINCPAC/BLUE CHIP/JCS:

- Can't get GSF out tonight, going to talk to ground commander, COL Johnson, to make plans. Will keep SPECTRE overhead all night. Should have large reinforcements of Marine and helo from HANCOCK. Keep SPECTRE overhead all night. Might consider using boats tonight under cover of darkness.

- FROM CHAIRMAN: Present concept is to bring Marines and helos from HANCOCK to CORAL SEA and plan for tomorrow.

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VERBAL ORDERS FROM JCS (Continued)

15 May (continued)

0748 to CINCPAC:

- Directed CINCPAC to discuss with USSAG/7AF the advisability of continuing the liftout during the night by boat or helicopters under cover of darkness as compared to major helicopter reinforcements and troop reinforcements if necessary in the morning.

0748-0915 - Continuous monitoring, discussion, and coordination until the extraction was completed.

1002 FROM NMCC to CINCPAC:

- Break down the conference circuit.

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FROM CINCPAC

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2308 EDT to USSAG:

- Ordered acceleration of information on count of boats around island.

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0132 EDT to USSAG:

- Confirms telecon between CINCPAC and JCS. Reiterated: need to get Marines on USS HOLT; take island by helo assault; maybe B-52 strikes against harbor/airfield, Kompong Som and Ream; should happen within next 18 hours; work with SAC Liaison; need for constant recce from now till execution; no boats in or out of island - can sink to sterilize area; minimize reliance on Thailand-based TACAIR; B-52s will come from Guam.

0238 (Admiral Gayler at JCS) to CINCPAC:

- Make transfers of Marines to USS HOLT at first light. CINC will get OK at Washington end.

0246 to ALCON:

- No execution today (1346 GOLF). Plan for first light tomorrow; put Marines aboard USS HOLT at first light.

0327 (Admiral Gayler at JCS) to CINCPAC J3:

- USS HOLT should be loading 50 calibers aboard; should be making up firebase location; also fabricating shields; put ASROCs in secure area; incoming helos should have flak jackets for sailors on USS HOLT; see no alternate except for Marines to go from helos while they hover, rapel down rope; don't hurry so much; be sure we have RCS on choppers (all acknowledged by USSAG/PACFLT in follow-on conversation.)

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VERBAL ORDERS FROM CINCPAC (Continued)

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0400 to USSAG:

- Request update RF-4C coverage, soonest today, of Ream, airfield and port facility; Sihanoukville, from JCS; USSAG/Fleet acknowledged. JCS noted decision will be made this afternoon in Washington (now 1000 DC time) this afternoon we will be advised.

0544 to USSAG:

- (In response to USSAG report RF-4Cs did not get airborne due to nonavailability of aircraft and they plan coverage for first light tomorrow); Hold off on missions until we say OK.

0940 to USSAG:

- What is status of plan (not yet received) due at 1300Z.

1110 TO USSAG, PACFLT, PACAF on conference line:

- Following points made: Regarding any targeting done, replacing B-52 strikes, should stay with only military targets; on Swedish ship, P-3s should pursue looking for it--recce area--see what we can do. Will help internationalize situation. Noted that fleet not to interfere with primary mission, per JCS comment.

1831 to COMUSSAG:

- Keep the info coming. MAYAGUEZ is not to be permitted to depart.

1858 TO USSAG:

- SITREPS from the USS HOLT are to be read over the secure conference when received.

1905 to USSAG:

- Give landing times of helos as soon as they land. Provide count of TACAIR over target.

1910 to USSAG:

- Directed put BLU-82s on launch alert.

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1920 to USSAG:

- Directs launch BLU-82s and hold.

1936 to USSAG:

- Directs USS WILSON to render fire support.

1938 to USSAG:

- Authorizes ground commander to use BLU-82s if he desires.

1947 to USSAG:

- Directs KNIFE 43, 42 to land on island.

2002 to USSAG:

- Directs use USS WILSON for fire support.

2058 TO USSAG:

- Proceed with strikes as planned. Still need position ID on Merhips as Cambodian before hitting. Have authority to use CORAL SEA TACAIR to support GSF. Can preempt Cambodia strikes if required.

2100 to USSAG:

- Request latest info from GSF.

2106 to USSAG:

- We just got a report that KNIFE 31 in the water with 10 survivors. Tell GSF commander not to hazard his force. Do not take offensive actions without waiting for reinforcements.

2124 to ACJCS:

- Need to get word out that we seized ship vice it was surrendered (ACJCS noted White House had done that).

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VERBAL ORDERS FROM CINCPAC (Continued)

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2130 to USSAG (in response to question):

- Mission of GSF on island is to secure island and make search.

2204 to CJCS:

- Contemplate insertion (buildup) of force into night hours. Plan to get some Marines from MAYAGUEZ/HOLT to help GSF (CJCS concurred).

2213 to USSAG:

- GSF under heavy fire; provide fire support from the WILSON.

2223 to PACFLT:

- Investigate possibility of using CORAL SEA ASW choppers to move Marines from MAYAGUEZ to beach; reinforcing the beach has priority.

2232 to USSAG:

- Move MACTHAI tugs (about 60 miles away) down to MAYAGUEZ.

2332 to USSAG:

- Authorized to hold up the helo flow. Pull back the GSF, so can provide suppressive TACAIR support.

2342 to CJCS:

- If needed, will use CORAL SEA TACAIR to support GSF. CJCS acknowledges this is within CINCPAC authority/JCS guidance.

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0010 EDT to USSAG:

- Like to put in heavy air strikes before bringing in more GSF.

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0012 to USSAG:

- Get the Marines in position for extraction. Suppress (resistance) with fire.

0046 to USSAG:

- Present intent to move CORAL SEA closer to island, use deck as shuttle for extraction. CORAL SEA now 85-90 NM south of island. GSF commander not able to join up. Needs 100 more men - cannot secure LZ.

0052 to USSAG:

- Insure GSF commander understands we want to extract him now. Ask if he has secure LZ to put reinforcements on ground.

0054 to USSAG:

- Passed on CJCS concern about evacuating casualties from chopper on beach.

0130 to USSAG:

- Strike barge/boat (between Koh Tang and Mainland)

0146 to USSAG:

- Get TACAN reading on CORAL SEA.

0150 to Fleet:

- Can you move CORAL SEA closer? Send "BINGO" aircraft to U-Tapao.

0153 to USSAG:

- Expend TACAIR ordnance.

0155 to USSAG:

- Directs helos are priority one for cyclic air operations from CORAL SEA. Insure helos are unimpeded.

0235 to USSAG:

- Keep helos in area of the operation for extraction purposes.

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0400 to USSAG:

- Continue to muster maximum helos. Continue to move CORAL SEA closer. Evaluate situation with view of extraction tonight. Maximum TACAIR support.

0412 to Fleet:

- Want CORAL SEA close ASAP. Request estimate when within 10 NM (estimate 1015Z).

0514 to USSAG:

- After consultation with Fleet, extract crew with boat from HOLT/WILSON about an hour from now.

0520 to USSAG:

- Cautioned not to precede downed chopper operation too much with GSF extraction, lest forces have not enough protection.

0522 to USSAG:

- Recapped concept: Two ships go in as close as possible. Send in boats. Marines swim/push wounded few feet to boats. Use fire support as needed. Assume 4 big choppers and 2 ASW (confirmed by USSAG).

0528 to USSAG:

- Keep 2 OV 10s up and over area.

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VERBAL ORDERS FROM CINCPAC (Continued)

15 May (continued)

0532 to USSAG:

- Go at 1730G (1030Z) with helo evacuation; soonest with GSF.

0543 to PACFLT:

- Have HANCOCK test long-range tanks tonight in case needed tomorrow.

0546 to Fleet:

- Reaffirm with "skippers," they are to go as close as possible.

0554 to Fleet:

- Expedite (closing of USS HOLT) as fast as possible.

0607 to USSAG:

- Hold operation until both ships (WILSON/HOLT) ready to go--but in daylight. Move to beach with fire as necessary. Give me the time. If it gets too hot, authorized to move off and we'll try it under cover of darkness.

0609 to CJCS:

- Recapped decisions made; chopper evacuation at 1030Z; other operation in daylight; both ships in use; alternative is to wait for daylight tomorrow. I have directed execution--in about 20 minutes. CJCS acknowledged.

0625 to USSAG:

- Authorized to expend one (1) BLU-82 on island. Insure caution. Stay clear of Marines and choppers.

0634 to USSAG:

- Plan BLU drop in large part of island. Be sure clear of LZ and Marines.



VERBAL ORDERS FROM CINCPAC (Continued)

15 May (continued)

0638 to USSAG:

- Proceed with pickup of downed helicopter crew ASAP.

0640 to USSAG:

- In reading message from USS WILSON on "possible" evacuation, it is directed, they have the go - WILSON seems to be in doubt.

0658 to Fleet:

- Be prepared to launch maximum HANCOCK helos with Marine complement, to arrive at first light.

0747 to USSAG:

- Be sure to get GSF commander's view on coming out by boat tonight--as compared to bringing them out in daylight tomorrow with major reinforcements.

0750

- CINCPAC concurred with COMUSSAG request (GSF commander recommendation) to continue operation tonight by helo (primarily) and/or boat, as long as feasible.

0837 to USSAG:

- Report confirmation of all personnel out.

0925 to JCS:

- Debrief of CAPT Davies states he is "relatively certain" no more Marines on island. I (CINCPAC) will wind down.

0926 to ALCON:

- Magnificent performance by all hands, under difficult circumstances. Well done.

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WRITTEN ORDERS RELATING TO THE RESCUE  
OF THE SS MAYAGUEZ AND ITS CREW

FROM JCS

1. JCS 140455Z May 75 to CINCPAC:  
(140055 EDT)

- Confirms authority passed by voice 140406Z to sink small craft identified in vicinity of Koh Tang.

2. JCS 140523Z May 75 to CINCPAC:  
(140123Z EDT)

- Suggests EOD team capability accompany boarding forces.

3. JCS 140645Z May 75 to CINCPAC/CINCSAC/COMUSSAG/7AF/COMSEVENTHFLT/  
(140245 EDT) CINCPACAF/CINCPACFLT

- Direct planning for potential execution early 15 May to seize the MAYAGUEZ, occupy Koh Tang Island, conduct B-52 strikes against mainland targets, and sink all Cambodian small craft in the target areas.

4. JCS 042000Z May 75 to CINCPAC:  
(141600 EDT)

- Request reconnaissance assets on board CVAs be placed in highest state of readiness.

5. JCS 142059Z May 75 to CINCPAC:  
(141659 EDT)

- Planning message concerning possible ultimatum which might be given to Cambodians.

6. JCS 142142Z May 75 to CINCPAC:  
(141742 EDT)

- Directs US Marines aboard USS HOLT to seize and secure SS MAYAGUEZ; directs Marine helicopter assault on Koh Tang Island; authorizes use of TACAIR and naval gunfire support for operations directed above; directs withdrawal of Marines from island as soon as possible upon completion of mission.

7. JCS 142203Z May 75 to CINCPAC:  
(141803 EDT)

- Directs execution of cyclic operation from CORAL SEA against targets in Kompong Som complex.

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WRITTEN ORDERS - FROM JCS (continued)

8. JCS 142321Z May 75 to CINCSAC:  
(141921 EDT)

- Message confirms telecon placing B-52s on 1-hour alert effective 142155Z May.

9. JCS 142344Z May 75 to CINCPAC:  
(141944 EDT)

- Approved PACFLT request to overfly Cambodian Islands and Kompong Som area.

10. JCS 150044Z May 75 to CINCPAC:  
(142044 EDT)

- Cease strike operations against Kompong Som complex. (Rescinds previous direction - see item 7.)

11. JCS 150118Z May 75 to CINCPAC.  
(142118 EDT)

- Rescinds previous direction to cease strikes against Kompong Som complex (see item 10). Directs operations proceed as previously approved against Kompong Som (see item 7).

12. JCS 150204Z May 75 to all Military Activities:  
(142204 EDT)

- Directs minimize on all communications to Southeast Asia.

13. JCS 150455Z May 75 to CINCPAC/CINCSAC:  
(150055 EDT)

- Directs terminate all offensive operations; disengage and withdraw/report when accomplished. CINCSAC resume normal readiness.

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CINCPAC AT 142406Z MAY 1975 TO ATTACK AND SINK SMALL CRAFT  
IDENTIFIED IN VICINITY OF KOH TANG AND THE ONE CRAFT WHICH  
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SUBJ PLANNING FOR MAYAGUEZ BOARDING (C)  
THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT MAYAGUEZ COULD BE BOOBY TRAPPED  
AT TIME OF BOARDING. SUGGEST YOUR PLANNING AND PREPARATION  
CONSIDER EOD TEAM CAPABILITIES TO ACCOMPANY BOARDING FORCES.

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- SHIPS AND SMALL CRAFT FROM OR TO KOH TANG ISLAND AREA.
- 6, SECURITY IS OF ABSOLUTE PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE. LIMIT ACCESS TO THESE INTENTIONS AND PLANNING ACTIONS TO MINIMUM PERSONNEL NECESSARY.
- 7, FYI, FINAL DECISION RELATIVE TO EXECUTION EXPECTED MIDAFTERNOON TOMORROW WASHINGTON TIME. END FYI.
- 8, REQUIRE YOUR PLANS PRIOR 140922Z EDT.
- 9, THERE IS TO BE NO UNAUTHORIZED PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS MATTER; ANY NEWS MEDIA OR PUBLIC QUERIES ARE TO BE ACCEPTED WITH A QUOTE NO COMMENT REPLY AND BE CALLED IMMEDIATELY TO THE ATTENTION OF ASD(PA) VIA THE PA WATCH OFFICER IN THE NMCC; ASD(PA) WILL COORDINATE AND PROVIDE FURTHER PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE AS APPROPRIATE.
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SUBJ: BOARDING OF AMERICAN FLAG SHIP (U)

REF: JCS 0233/121944Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)

1. REF REQUESTED PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE OF SELECTED TARGETS AND THAT RECONNAISSANCE ASSETS BE ALERTED TO RESPOND ON SHORT NOTICE.

2. REQUEST RECONNAISSANCE ASSETS, PROCESSING FACILITY AND PERSONNEL ON BOARD CVAS IN/ENROUTE GULF OF THAILAND BE PLACED IN SAME HIGH STATE OF READINESS AS LAND-BASED FORCES. REPORT RESULTS OF ANY RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS RELATIVE TO SS MAYAGUEZ OPERATIONS BY FLASH IPR. GDS-85

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DUGJW DRAFT ULTIMATUM (U)

1. (U) FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ULTIMATUM WHICH MAY BE DIRECTED FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH OPERATIONS TO RECOVER THE HAYAGUEZ AND LANDING ON KOH YANG ISLAND. IT IS VEGUALIZED THAT THIS TEXT WOULD BE SIMULTANEOUSLY INTRODUCED INTO THE CAMBODIAN COMMUNICATIONS NET AND ANNOUNCED VIA BULLHORN UPON COMMENCEMENT OF ACTION AGAINST KOH YANG, AND PROCLAIMED TO FORCES TAKEN CAPTIVE. TEXT FOLLOWS:

AMERICAN FORCES HAVE RETAKEN OUR SHIP, THE HAYAGUEZ, AND LANDED ON KOH YANG ISLAND. WE DEMAND THE RELEASE OF THE CREWMEMBERS UNHARMED. IF THEY ARE NOT RETURNED BY TEN OCLOCK THIS MORNING,

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MILITARY TARGETS TO INCLUDE THOSE ON MAINLAND CAMBODIA WILL BE  
ATTACHED. WE ARE MONITORING INTERNATIONAL DISTRESS FREQUENCIES  
FOR YOUR RESPONSE. (NOTE: LAST SENTENCE USED ONLY WITH  
CAMBODIAN COMMUNICATIONS NET.)

2. ~~107~~ ABOVE TEXT MAY BE CHANGED AND YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED ASAP OF  
APPROVED TEXT. IF USED, ULTIMATUM SHOULD BE BROADCAST IN ENGLISH,  
FRENCH, AND CAMBODIAN.

3. ~~107~~ IF DECISION IS MADE TO USE ULTIMATUM, JCS WILL FOLLOW WITH  
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SLR01 KHMER SEIZURE OF MAYAGUEZ (U)

REF: JCS 1169/142045Z MAY 75 (NOTAL) WHICH DIRECTS PLANNING

ACTIONS TO SEIZE AND SECURE THE SS MAYAGUEZ/CREW

1. ~~1~~ THIS IS AN EXECUTE MESSAGE TO EFFECT RECOVERY OF MAYAGUEZ  
AND CREW.

2. ~~1~~ FOR CINCPACI

A. CONDUCT ASSAULT BY MARINES ABOARD USS H E HOLT

TO SEIZE AND SECURE SS MAYAGUEZ IAW REF, SAIL/ TOW MAYAGUEZ TO SEA  
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AND TACAIR FROM CORAL SEA AND USAF THAILAND BASED FORCES AUTHORIZED AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE;

B. COMMENCE MARINE HELICOPTER ASSAULT ON KAOH TANG ISLAND IAW REF;

USE OF NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT AND TACAIR FROM CORAL SEA AND USAF THAILAND BASED FORCES AUTHORIZED AGAINST KAOH TANG ISLAND;

C. USN SHIPS AND TACAIR FROM CORAL SEA AND USAF THAILAND BASED FORCES AUTHORIZED TO ENGAGE AND DESTROY ALL CAMBODIAN CRAFT THAT INTERVENE IN THE OPAREA;

D. WITHDRAW MARINE ASSAULT FORCE FROM KAOH TANG ISLAND AS SOON AS FEASIBLE UPON COMPLETION OF SEARCH FOR/REMOVAL OF MAYAGUEZ CREW;

E. CEASE OPERATIONS AND WITHDRAW ALL FORCES FROM THE OPAREA AS SOON AS FEASIBLE AND UPON COMPLETION OF MISSION;

F. INITIATE REPORTS IAW JCS PUB 5 AS FOLLOWS:

(1) SITREP EVERY SIX HOURS COMMENCING FIRST STRIKE; INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PLANNING ACTIONS;

(2) ALL SORTIES REPORT USING OPREP4 UPON COMPLETION EACH MISSION;

(3) USE OPREP3 FOR INCIDENT REPORTING AS APPROPRIATE.

3. (S) FOR CINCSAC:

PROVIDE AIR REFUELING SUPPORT AS REQUESTED IN COORDINATION WITH CINCPAC;

4. (S) NO OTHER REPEAT NO OTHER OPERATIONS CONTAINED IN REF PLANNING MESSAGE HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR EXECUTION;

5. (U) DIRLAUTH ALCON; KEEP JCS INFORMED;

6. (U) THERE IS TO BE NO UNAUTHORIZED PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS MATTER. ANY NEWS MEDIA OR PUBLIC QUERIES ARE TO BE ACCEPTED WITH A QUOTE NO COMMENT UNQUOTE REPLY AND BE CALLED IMMEDIATELY TO THE ATTENTION OF ASD(PA) VIA THE PA WATCH OFFICER IN THE NMCC. ASD(PA) WILL COORDINATE AND PROVIDE FURTHER PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE AS APPROPRIATE. GDS 63

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SUBJ: KHMER SEIZURE OF MAYAGUEZ (U)

1. (U) THIS IS AN EXECUTE MESSAGE.

2. ~~12~~ COMMENCE CYCLIC STRIKE OPERATIONS FROM CORAL SEA AGAINST  
TARGETS IN THE KOMPONG SOM COMPLEX WITH FIRST TIME ON TARGET AT  
150005Z MAY 75 WHICH COINCIDES WITH ESTIMATED TIME OF CAPTURE OF  
MAYAGUEZ.

3. ~~13~~ FIRST EVENT SHOULD BE ARMED RECONNAISSANCE WITH PRINCIPAL

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TARGETS AS AIRCRAFT AND MILITARY WATERCRAFT, AVOID MERCHANTS IN  
KOMPONG SOM UNTIL IDENTIFICATION HAS BEEN CLEARLY ESTABLISHED AS  
CAMBODIAN.

4. (U) SUBSEQUENT FLIGHTS SHOULD MAKE MAX USE OF PRECISION GUIDED  
MUNITIONS TO ATTACK TARGETS OF MILITARY SIGNIFICANCE IN THE KOMP-  
PONG SOM COMPLEX.

5. (U) DIRLAUTH ALCON, KEEP JCS INFORMED.

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SUBJ: TACAIR RECONNAISSANCE (U)

REFS: A. CINCPACFLT 141017Z MAY 75

B. CINCPAC 142110Z MAY 75

1. (S) CINCPACFLT 141017Z MAY 75 REQUESTED PERMISSION TO CONDUCT NAVY TACTICAL PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS OF SELECTED CAMBODIAN ISLANDS AND KOMPONG SOM AREA. CINCPAC 142110Z MAY 75 CONCURRED REF A, EXCLUDING KOMPONG SOM AREA, AND REQUESTED JCS APPROVAL FOR OVERFLIGHT OF KOMPONG SOM.

2. (S) APPROVAL TO OVERFLY TARGETS OF REF A, INCLUDING KOMPONG SOM AREA, WITH ALL TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE ASSETS TO PROVIDE TACTICAL INFORMATION AND ADEQUATE DOCUMENTATION OF MAYAGUEZ OPERATIONS IS CONFIRMED. REQUEST COVERAGE OF ANY STRIKES AND REPORT RESULTS BY FLASH IPIR WITH SELECTED PRINTS TO WASHINGTON VIA COMPASS LINK. 60303

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SUBJ: KHMER SEIZURE OF MAYAGUEZ (U)

REF: JCS 142223Z MAY 75 WHICH DIRECTED CORAL SEA STRIKES AGAINST  
TARGETS IN KOMPONG SOM COMPLEX.

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OPERATIONS AGAINST TARGETS IN KOMPONG SOM COMPLEX,

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SUBJ KAMPUR SEIZURE OF MAYAGUEZ (U)

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REF: A. CNO 142344Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)  
B. CNO 150609Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)  
C. CINCPAC 150609Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)

1. AT THE REQUEST OF CNO JCS IMPOSE MINIMIZE WORLDWIDE  
ON RECORD/VOICE/DATA COMMUNICATIONS DESTINED FOR SOUTHEAST  
ASIA (THAILAND, LAOS, PHILIPPINES AREA) AND SEVENTH FLEET  
AFLOAT.

2. COMMANDERS ARE REQUESTED TO APPLY STRICT CONTROLS ON  
ALL TRAFFIC DESTINED FOR THE ABOVE PACOM COMMANDS.  
MINIMIZE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UNTIL CANCELLED BY JCS.

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MINIMIZE IS NOW IN EFFECT FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA (THAILAND, LAOS,  
PHILIPPINES AREA) AND SEVENTH FLEET AFLOAT.  
REVIEW THE APPLICABLE PARAGRAPHS IN THE MESSAGE PREPARATION HANDBOOK

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SUBJ: KHMER SEIZURE OF MAYAGUEZ (U)

1. FOR ALL. IMMEDIATELY CEASE ALL OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS  
AGAINST KHMER REPUBLIC RELATED TO SEIZURE OF MAYAGUEZ. DISENGAGE  
AND WITHDRAW ALL FORCES FROM OPAREA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE CONSISTENT  
WITH SAFETY/SELF DEFENSE. REPORT WHEN DISENGAGEMENT COMPLETED  
AND ALL FORCES CLEAR OF TERRITORIAL WATERS.

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2. (S) FOR CINCSAC. RESUME NORMAL READINESS POSTURE.

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WRITTEN ORDERS RELATING TO THE RESCUE  
OF THE SS MAYAGUEZ AND ITS CREW

FROM CINCPAC

1. CINCPAC 140325Z May 75 to COMUSSAG/7AF:  
(132325Z EDT)

- Amends previous photo tasking.

2. CINCPAC 140625Z May 75 to CINCPACFLT:  
(140225 EDT)

- Directs CINCPACFLT to take JCS suggestion for appropriate action. (See JCS item 2)

3. CINCPAC 140750Z May 75 to COMUSSAG/7AF:  
(140350 EDT)

- Directs COMUSSAG/7AF to take such action as required to prohibit boat traffic into or out of Koh Tang Island areas and provide plan for; boarding MAYAGUEZ, helo landing assault, sink all Cambodian small craft, B-52 strike, full coverage recce, use of BLU-82.

4. CINCPAC 140814Z May 75 to COMUSSAG NKP:  
(140414 EDT)

- Request for additional info on TACAIR tasking and arrival time of 40 Marines and MSC crew for embarking USS HOLT.

5. CINCPAC 140837Z May 75 to COMUSSAG/7AF:  
(140437 EDT)

- Requests photo coverage of Sihanoukville/Kompong Som naval facility/airfield and Ream Airfield.

6. CINCPAC 141722Z May 75 to COMUSSAG/7AF:  
(141322Z EDT)

- Directs COMUSSAG to maintain recon forces on short notice alert status.

7. CINCPAC 142109Z May 75 to COMUSSAG/7AF/CINCPACFLT/CINCPACAF:  
(141709 EDT)

- MAYAGUEZ Koh Tang planning.

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WRITTEN ORDERS FROM CINCPAC (CONTINUED)

8. CINCPAC 142110Z May 75 to JCS/CINCPACFLT:  
(141710 EDT)

- Authorizes photo recce of Poulo Wai, Koh Tang and Hon Pan Jang islands. Requests authority to conduct Navy tactical photo recce of Kompong Som area.

9. CINCPAC 142112Z May 75 to JCS and COMUSSAG/7AF:  
(141712 EDT)

- Approved USSAG/7AF plan subject to certain modifications.

10. CINCPAC 142152Z May 75 to USSAG/7AF:  
(141752 EDT)

- Directs execution of landing at Koh Tang and boarding of MAYAGUEZ at 142045Z.

11. CINCPAC 142310Z May 75 to USSAG/7AF/CINCPACFLT/CINCPACAF:  
(141910 EDT)

- Directs execution of landing on Koh Tang Island and seizure of MAYAGUEZ as directed by CINCPAC and specified by JCS.

12. CINCPAC 151330Z May 75 to COMUSSAG/7AF, CINCPACFLT, CINCPACAF:  
(150930 EDT)

- Request data in addition that required by JCS. (See JCS Item 12)

13. CINCPAC 151337Z May 75 to JCS/COMUSSAG/7AF/CINCPACFLT:  
(150937 EDT)

- Rescinds authority to conduct TACAIR recce and surveillance operations in support of recovery of MAYAGUEZ.

14. CINCPAC 151523Z May 75 to COMUSSAG/7AF, CINCPACFLT, CINCPACAF:  
(151123 EDT)

- Requests info previously requested be sent flash and indicate if incomplete. (See item 13)

15. CINCPAC 151700Z May 75 to COMUSSAG/7AF/CINCPACFLT/CINCPACAF:  
(151300 EDT)

- Requests additional data (see items 12 and 14)

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16. CINCPAC 152143Z May 75 to various addressees:  
(151743 EDT)

- Forwards public affairs guidance for MAYAGUEZ operation.

17. CINCPAC 152330Z May 75 to USSAG/7AF/CINCPACFLT/CINCPACAF:  
(151930 EDT)

- Confirms telecon to terminate all operations in support of recovery MAYAGUEZ.

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COVERAGE OF KAO TANG ISLAND (U)

A, CINCPAC HONOLULU HI 132346Z MAY 75

B, JCS WASH DC 140141 MAY 75 (NOTAL)

1, (S) PHOTO TASKING REF A AMENDED AS FOLLOWS: PROVIDE DAILY PHOTO  
COVERAGE OF KAO TANG ISLAND (10-18N 103-29E) USING BEST POSSIBLE  
SCALE. REPORT RESULTS VIA FLASH IPIR. FORWARD SELECTED PRINTS TO  
CINCPAC AND WASHINGTON VIA COMPASS LINK. MAINTAIN DAILY PHOTO  
COVERAGE UNTIL DIRECTED OTHERWISE BY CINCPAC. REF B PERTAINS.  
2, (S) REMAINING PROVISIONS REF A, INCLUDING MINIMUM ALTITUDE  
SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FEET, CONTINUE IN EFFECT.

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PLANNING FOR MAYAGUEZ BOARDING (C)

1. JCS 1257/142523Z MAY 75

1. (U) TAKE REF A FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION. DIRLAUTH ALCON AS REQUIRED.

2. (U) ADVISE CINCPAC INFO ALCON ANY PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN PROVIDING EOD TEAM CAPABILITIES TO ACCOMPANY BOARDING PARTY.

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A. JEB 1109140045Z MAY 78 IN39441

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1. ~~DO NOT~~ TAKE SUCH ACTION AS REQUESTED TO PROHIBIT GOAT TRAFFIC INTO OR OUT OF NEW TANG ZOLANG AREA. AUTHORITY GRANTED TO CARRY OUT SUCH GOAT TRAFFIC AS NECESSARY.

2. ~~INFO~~ PROVIDE DETAILED PLANS BY 141500Z MAY 73 TO CENCPAC,  
INFO ALCON, FOR THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS. REFS A AND B URGENT.  
DIRLANTH AS REQUESTED.

A. DISCRETIONARY BOARD OF PERSONNEL TO CONSTITUTE MAYAGUEZ BOARDING PARTY AND EMBARK IN HAROLD E. HOLY. DO NOT EMBARK BEFORE FIRST LIGHT.

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- B. HELO LANDING ASSAULT WITH USMC GSF TO DIEZEL/OCCUPY KOH YANG ISLAND.
- C. SINK ALL CAMBODIAN SMALL CRAFT IN THE TARGET AREAS OF KOH TANG, PAULU HAY, KOMPONG SOM AND REAM.
- D. IN COORDINATION WITH SACADVN, B-52 STRIKES AGAINST KOMPONG SOM HARBOR AND REAM AIRFIELD. GUAM BASED B-52S AND YAKOVLEV WILL BE UTILIZED IN ABOVE PLANNING.
- E. FULL COVERAGE/PROTECT OF THE AREA OF OPERATIONS (CENCPAC 152340Z MAY 75 AND CENCPAC 140620Z MAY 75 PERTAIN).
- F. USE OF BLU 52 TO CLEAR KOH YANG ISLAND LZ'S FOR ASSAULT TROOPS.
- G. ~~IN~~ IN PLANNING FOR ABOVE ACTIONS PLACE MAXIMUM EMPHASIS ON USE OF CORAL SEA FOR CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND MINIMUM RELIANCE ON AVAILABILITY OF THAI BASED STRATEGIC/TACTIC.

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B, CINCPACFLT 140637Z MAY 75  
1. (S) IN ADDITION INFO RORD REF A, PROVIDE TACTICS TASKING AND  
ARRIVAL TIME OF COMBAT EQUIPPED MARINES, BOB TEAM, AND  
NAVY/USC NUCLEUS ONE FOR ENDEAVOR HOLT RORD REF B, DIRLAUTH

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~~PHOTOGRAPHIC REQUIREMENT~~

1. (S) HIGHEST PRIORITY REQUIREMENT EXISTS FOR PHOTO COVERAGE  
FOLLOWING TARGETS:

A. SIHANGUKVILLE/KAMPONG SOM NAVAL FACILITY AND AIRFIELD  
B. BEAN PORT FACILITY AND AIRFIELD

2. (S) ~~REQUIREMENT FOR POSSIBLE SCENES CONSISTENT WITH MINIMUM ALTITUDE~~  
~~1500 FEET. IMAGERY REQUIRED IMMEDIATE OPERATIONAL PLANNING.~~

3. (S) ~~REQUIREMENT FOR NAVAL CRAFT, AAA, SIGNIFICANT MILITARY ACTIVITY~~  
AIRFIELD. REQUEST FLASH IPIR AND VOICE REPORT VIA TELECON TO  
CINCPAC DD1.

4. (S) CINCPAC ASSESSMENT MILITARY RISK: MODERATE INTELLIGENCE

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5. (S) THIS CONFIRMS TELECOM TASKING CINCPAC / BLUE CHIP 142832Z  
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PHOTO RECON REQUEST (U)

A. ICS WASH DC 121044Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)

B. CINCPAC 122137Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)

C. CINCPAC HONOLULU HI 132346Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)

D. CINCPAC HONOLULU HI 140325Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)

EE. CINCPAC HONOLULU HI 140837Z MAY 75

1. (U) REFS A THROUGH E REQUESTED RF-4C PHOTO COVERAGE SELECTED OBJECTIVES CAMBODIA.

2. (U) AUTHORITY REF BRAVO RESCINDED. REFS C, D, AND E REMAIN IN EFFECT. ADDITIONALLY, MAINTAIN RECONNAISSANCE FORCES IN ALERT STATUS TO RESPOND TO TASKING ON SHORT NOTICE UNTIL FURTHER ADVISED.

3. (U) FACE VALUE MSNS 5BT1E5 THROUGH 5BUAF5, PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED

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RF-4C MSNS IN SUPPORT ONGOING SEASTA OPNS, REMAIN VALID. MINIMUM ALTITUDE SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FEET, PRESCRIBED REFS C AND D, REMAINS IN EFFECT UNLESS SPECIFICALLY CHANGED BY CINCPAC. CONTINUE FLASH IPIR REPORTING (TO INCLUDE DETAILED NARRATIVE), AND FLASH COMPASS LINK SIGNIFICANT RESULTS ASAP. ADDITIONALLY, CONTINUE FLASH VOICE REPORTS MSN HIGHLIGHTS DIRECT CINCPAC DUTY DIRECTOR FOR INTELLIGENCE ON SECURE PHONE NUMBERS 6215/6218 FOR IMMEDIATE PASSING TO JCS/DIA.

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(S) FOR CINCPACFLT

A, AUTHGRA REQUEST REF A TO CONDUCT NAVY TACTICAL PHOTO RECCE MISSIONS POULO WAI, KOH TANG AND HON PANJANG ISLANDS; PURSUANT

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AUTHORITY REF B, OPERATE NO CLOSER THAN TWELVE NAUTICAL MILES TO CAMBODIAN MAINLAND (ISLANDS EXCLUDED REPEAT EXCLUDED) AS AUTHORIZED

REF C, MINIMUM ALTITUDE OVER OBJECTIVE AREA SIX THOUSAND FIVE

HUNDRED FEET, MISSION ASSESSMENT: MILITARY RISK MODERATE, INTEL GAIN HIGH, POLITICAL SENSITIVITY HIGH;

B, REQUEST FOR PHOTO RECCE MISSIONS KOMPONG SOM AREA NOT REPEAT NOT APPROVED, PENDING AUTHORITY FROM JCS;

C, DIRLAUTH COMUSSAG FOR COORDINATION TO PREVENT MUTUAL INTERFERENCE;

D, REQUEST RECONNAISSANCE ASSETS, PROCESSING FACILITY AND PERSONNEL ON BOARD CARRIERS IN/ENROUTE GULF OF THAILAND BE PLACED IN HIGH STATE OF READINESS TO RESPOND TO TASKING ON SHORT NOTICE, UNTIL FURTHER ADVISED; REF D PERTAINS;

E, FILM HANDLING, REPORTING AND DISTRIBUTION INSTRUCTIONS FOLLOW BY SEPMSG;

2, (S) FOR JCS; REQUEST AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT NAVY TACTICAL PHOTO RECCE MISSIONS KOMPONG SOM AREA IN SUPPORT CURRENT AND PLANNED OPERATIONS; THIS CONFIRMS REF E;

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 MAYAGUEZ/KOH TANG PLANNING (S)

A. USSAG/7AF 141730Z MAY 75

1. (S) REF A APPROVED SUBJECT TO FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS:

A. PARA 10(2): CHANGE TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "USMC, MSC AND  
 EOD TEAM WILL BOARD MAYAGUEZ FROM USS HAROLD E HOLT".

B. PARA 10(9): MODIFY FIRST SENTENCE TO READ: "USAF  
 STRATEGIC AIR B-52D AIR STRIKES AS DIRECTED BY JCS ARE CONTROLLED..."

C. PARA 10(2)(A)3: MODIFY TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "B-52 STRIKES  
 AS DIRECTED BY JCS ARE AUTHORIZED..." GDS:85

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1. TELCON JCS VADM TRAIN AND CINCPAC MGEN LANG

1. ~~137~~ EXECUTE LANDING AT KOH TANG ISLAND AND BOARDING MAYAGUEZ

AT 142245Z MAY 75, REF PERTAINS.

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KHMER SEIZURE OF MAYAGUEZ (U)

A. CINCPAC 142152Z MAY 75 (PASEP)

B. JCS 1936/142142Z MAY 75 (PASEP)

1. (U) THIS IS AN EXECUTE MESSAGE.

2. ~~401~~ CONDUCT ASSAULT LANDING OPERATIONS AT KOK TANG ISLAND AND EFFECT SEIZURE OF SS MAYAGUEZ AS DIRECTED REF A AND SPECIFIED BY REF B.

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RUHGPBA/CTF SEVEN SEVEN

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KHMER SEIZURE OF MAYAGUEZ (U)

A. JCS 2396/150455Z MAY 75

1. (U) TAKE REF FOR ACTION.

2. ~~IN~~ IN ADDITION TO REPORTS REQUIRED PARA 1, REF A, INCLUDE FOLLOWING IN FINAL SITREP TO BE SUBMITTED CINCPAC INFO ALCON ASAP AFTER COMPLETION OPERATIONS:

A. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (ALL CATEGORIES)

B. LOSSES OF ACFT (ALL TYPES/ALL CAUSES)

C. TOTAL HELO SORTIES

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D. TOTAL TACAIR SORTIES FROM THAILAND AND TARGETS  
 E. TOTAL TACAIR SORTIES FROM CORAL SEA AND TARGETS  
 F. PERSONNEL RESCUED/RECOVERED/TREATMENT/CONDITION  
 G. PERSONNEL NOT RECOVERED, IF ANY  
 H. TOTAL SUPPORT SORTIES, I.E., SPECTRE, ABCCC, SAR  
 I. CONDITION OF SS MAYAGUEZ  
 J. BATTLE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT  
 K. ADEQUACY OF COMMUNICATIONS  
 L. GSF REPORT ON INSERTION/EXTRACTION OPERATIONS  
 M. AIR REFUELING SUPPORT  
 N. OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION

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RUCSAD/SACRECONCEN OFFUTT AFB NE  
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RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONS (U)

- A. CINCPAC 122104Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)
- B. CINCPAC 132346Z MAY 75
- C. CINCPAC 140325Z MAY 75
- D. CINCPAC 140837Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)
- E. CINCPAC 141722Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)
- F. CINCPAC 150040Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)
- G. CINCPAC 131822Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)

1. FOR COMUSSAG AND CINCPACFLT; AUTHORITIES TO CONDUCT  
TACAIR RECCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS CAMBODIA AND GULF OF

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DE RUHQHQA #2321 1351530

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RUHGPHA/CTF SEVEN SEVEN

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RHPSAA/USS CORAL SEA

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A. CINCPAC 151330Z MAY 75

1. PAR 2, REF A REQUESTED INFO ASAP FOLLOWING OPERATION. REQUEST THAT AVAILABLE INFO BE SENT IMMEDIATELY VIA FLASH PRECEDENCE, INDICATE IF INFO INCOMPLETE. FOLLOW WITH COMPLETE INFO ASAP.

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THAT IN DIRECT SUPPORT OPERATIONS TO RECOVER MAYAGUEZ AND CREW  
ARE REINDED (REFS A THROUGH E PERTAIN). PRIOR STANDDOWN, ENSURE  
BDA PHOTO COVERAGE ALL TACAIR STRIKES. SUBSEQUENT ODA RECCE,  
REF F REINDED. REMAINING FACE VALOR MISSIONS ON INDEFINITE  
DELAY. RECON FORCES RELEASED ALERT STATUS THIS TIME.  
2. ~~(S)~~ FOR JCSI RECOMMEND RESUME OLYMPIC TORCH SCHEDULE OF ONE  
PER DAY BEGINNING 152330Z MAY 75 (REF G PERTAINS).

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DE RUHQHQA #2331 1351658

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Z 151700Z MAY 75

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TO RUMORGA/USSAG/7AF NAKHON PHANOM APRT AEM

RHHMBRA/CINCPACFLT MAKALAPA HI

RUHVAAA/CINCPACAF HICKAM AFB HI

INFO RUEKJCS/JCS WASH DC

RUEHC/SECSTATE WASH DC

ZEN/CGEMFPAC CAMP SMITH HI

RUHGOAA/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUHGPAA/CTF SEVEN SIX

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RHKPHAA/COMDESRON TWO THREE

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A. JCS 2396/150455Z MAY 75

B. CINCPAC 151330Z MAY 75

C. CINCPAC 151523Z MAY 75

1. (S) IN ADDITION TO INFO ROSTD BY REFS INCLUDE:

A. TOTAL NUMBER OF MARINES INSERTED ON ISLAND/SHIP

B. METHOD USED FOR EVACUATION SHIP/HELICOPTER

C. TIMING OF MAJOR ACTIONS TO INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO FIRST STRIKE, FIRST HELICOPTER ON BEACH, FIRST HELICOPTER ON HOLT, TIME MAYAGUEZ

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CREW RECOVERED, TIME EVACUATION STARTED, TIME OPERATION COMPLETED.  
2. (U) THIS INFO REQ IN D.C. NTL 151900Z, SUS-83

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RUAJHAD/CTF SEVEN TWO

RHMFMTA/COMUSMACTHAI BANGKOK TH

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RUMOSRA/621 TCS NKP

RUHMRGA/48 ARRS NKP

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RUMOREA/56 SCW NKP

RHMIAAAA/7ACCS CLARK AB RP

RUMORKA/56TH ARRS KORAT TH

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 RUHMMIA/PATRON FOUR  
 RUYSAA/CTG SEVEN TWO PT TWO  
 RUHMMIA/CTG SEVEN TWO PT THREE  
 RHWZSCC/CTG SEVEN FIVE PT ONE  
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 MAYAGUEZ OPERATIONS - PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A. CINCPAC 150259Z MAY 75  
 1. REF A IS CANCELLED.

2. FOLLOWING PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE PERTAINS TO SS MAYAGUEZ OPERATIONS:

A. ALL RELEASES WILL BE FORWARDED TO CINCPAC FOR FINAL RELEASE AUTHORIZATION.

B. QUOTATIONS BY MILITARY PERSONNEL IN PRESS RELEASES WILL BE STRICTLY LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE COGNIZANCE AND PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

C. HOST COUNTRY SENSITIVITIES WILL BE STRICTLY OBSERVED. PROPOSED RELEASES DEALING WITH U.S. FORCES OPERATING FROM OVERSEAS BASES WILL BE COORDINATED WITH THE HOST COUNTRY U.S. EMBASSY THROUGH THE SSMR EXCEPT THOSE DEALING WITH THAILAND WHICH WILL BE COORDINATED WITH AMEMB BANGKOK THROUGH CINCPAC PA LNO BANGKOK.

D. INFORMATION MAY BE DRAWN FROM ASD/PA BRIEFINGS.  
 3. FOREGOING GUIDANCE APPLIES TO ALL RELEASES, INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL.

4. MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE MAYAGUEZ OPERATIONS ARE AUTHORIZED TO HAVE MEDIA INTERVIEWS WITHIN THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

A. MILITARY PERSONNEL WILL STRICTLY LIMIT THEIR COMMENTS TO MATTERS WITHIN THEIR COGNIZANCE AND PERSONAL EXPERIENCES.

B. MILITARY PERSONNEL WILL BE CAUTIONED TO REFRAIN FROM ANY DISCUSSION OF THEIR OPINIONS OF POLITICAL IMPACT OF THE OPERATION.

C. HOST COUNTRY SENSITIVITIES WILL BE OBSERVED. REQUESTS

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FOR INTERVIEWS WILL BE COORDINATED WITH LOCAL MILITARY PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER WHO WILL BE PRESENT DURING INTERVIEWS. INTERVIEWS IN THAILAND WILL BE COORDINATED WITH CINCPAC PA LNO BANGKOK.

D. PROVIDE INFORMATION TO CINCPAC (BY MESSAGE OR PHONE) ON SIGNIFICANT INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED.

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